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1. The Ministry of Forestry and Wood Industry was reorganized in the spring of 1951, and its functions were divided between the Ministry of Wood Industry and the Ministry of Forestry and State Domains. The latter Ministry administers all forests in Rumania.
2. The Ministry has a staff of 480. The Minister is a former miner, and the heads of departments are former workers who are not timber experts.
3. The Ministry exploits 20 percent, Sovromlemn 40 percent, and IPEIL 40 percent of Rumanian forests.
4. Forests exploited by the Ministry are in Transylvania and in the Buzau and Trotus valleys in southern Bucovina.
5. Sovromlemn exploits the richest forests in the Bistrita and Derna valleys and operates the best equipped enterprises. It had been assigned the exploitation of these forests in 1946 on condition that it build six modern sawmills, 150 kilometers of narrow gauge railroad track in the Falticeni area, and 100 kilometers of narrow gauge railroad track in the Caransebes-Buzias area.
6. To date Sovromlemn has only rebuilt the following mills:
 - a. Falcau (Bucovina) with six frame saws of Czech make, three 24 inch saws, two 36 inch saws, and one 18 inch saw. Annual production is 120,000 to 150,000 cubic meters of round timber.
 - b. Vaduri (Bicaz) with three Czech rapid frame saws. Annual production is 80,000 cubic meters of round timber.

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c. Vatra Dornei with four Czech rapid frame saws. Annual production is 120,000 cubic meters of round timber.

7. Sovromlemn also operates the following mills:

- a. Piatra Neamt (former Forestea), four mills with 20 saws
- b. Bacau (former Klipper), two mills with six frame saws
- c. Galati (former Auschnitt), one modern mill with six frame saws.

8. IPEIL exploits forests all over Rumania, except for the Bistrita and Derna valleys.

9. Afforestation is the responsibility of the Ministry of Forestry and State Domains. Although it is claimed that all areas are fully replanted, only 50 to 60 percent of the afforestation plans are accomplished, because of a shortage of labor and seedlings.

10. From 1945 to 1952 the following quantities of timber have been cut (figures indicate cubic meters):

	<u>Soft Wood</u>	<u>Hard Wood</u>	<u>Oak</u>
1945	2,000,000	4,000,000	600,000
1946	2,500,000	4,000,000	600,000
1947	3,500,000	4,000,000	600,000
1948	4,000,000	6-7,000,000	1,500,000
1949	4,000,000	6-7,000,000	1,500,000
1950	5-6,000,000	6-7,000,000	1,500,000
1951	5-6,000,000	6-7,000,000	1,500,000

Hard wood includes 40 percent building timber and 60 percent fuel wood. Oak includes 25 percent fuel wood.

11. The plan for 1952 calls for 6,500,000 cubic meters of soft wood, and 13,500,000 cubic meters of hard wood, including oak. Of this total the Soviets are supposed to cut 3,500,000 cubic meters of soft wood and 2,000,000 cubic meters of hard wood.

12. Almost the entire output is exported to the USSR, either as reparations through Sovromlemn or under trade agreements.

13. Four hundred thousand to five hundred thousand tons of fuel wood are sent annually to Hungary and an unknown quantity of timber to Czechoslovakia. This is bartered against machinery and technical products.

14. The total amount of timber in stock is not known, but factories receive regular supplies for processing.

15. There is no reserve of fuel wood, for even current requirements are not met.

16. Soviet engineers are working on a 200 kilometer, narrow gauge railroad from Turnu Severin to Orsova and to Baile Herculane.

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17. A forestry school at Campulung trains peasants' sons and former forest rangers, who have had at least four years of elementary education, to be forestry experts. The course lasts nine months.
18. The army has declared the Tulcea and Caransebes forests to be military areas and has prohibited cutting in them.
19. The following personalities are known:
 - a. Charap, Secretary General of the Ministry of Wood Industry [REDACTED] UNCODED
 - b. Haber, Deputy Minister of Wood Industry. [REDACTED]
 - c. Jucov, Soviet adviser to the Minister of Wood Industry [REDACTED]
 - d. Naftali, Director General of the Ministry of Wood Industry, [REDACTED] 25X1
 - e. Stefan Pavel, Minister of Forestry and State Domains, [REDACTED]
 - f. Prasnea, Minister of Wood Industry, [REDACTED]
 - g. Mihai Suder, Deputy Minister of Forestry and State Domains, [REDACTED]

1. [REDACTED] Comment: As of February 1953, the Minister of the Forestry Industry was Constantin Popescu and the assistant ministers were Ludovic Negrea and Aurel Ungur. As of February 1953 the Minister of Lumber, Paper and Cellulose Industry was Mihai Suder. The assistant ministers of this industry were Ivanir Haber and Mircea Ochiana. The Director General of Forestry was Stefan Sassu.

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